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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV SENIOR SCHOLAR PROGRAM, 1975/76

1. BFS APPROVES TRAVEL-ONLY NOMINEE MATUSINOVIC. AYEC MAY ISSUE GRANT. CIES GREETING PACKET WILL BE MAILED TO MATUSINOVIC C/O PROF. MAZUR, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

2. IT IS NOTED THAT MATUSINOVIC PLANS HAVE HIS WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN JOIN HIM FOR SIX MONTHS OF HIS STAY IN US. IN VIEW OF LIMITED AMOUNT OF HIS SUPPORT, AYEC REQUESTED DISCUSS WITH MATUSINOVIC THE DESIRABILITY OF COMING ALONE AT FIRST. AFTER HE HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH LIVING COSTS IN CHICAGO, IF HE FEELS THAT HE COULD SUPPORT HIMSELF AND FAMILY, HE COULD SEND FOR THEM. CHICAGO ADVISES IT WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ASSIST IN LOCATING INEXPENSIVE HOUSING. FOR FAMILY OF FIVE, HOUSING IS LIKELY COST DOLS 250 TO 300 PER MONTH. ADDITIONALLY MATUSINOVIC NEED SET ASIDE APPROXIMATELY DOLS 50 PER MONTH TO COVER HIS US INCOME TAX RESPONSIBILITY. THEREFORE, ALTHOUGH STIPEND FROM UNIVERSITY WILL AMOUNT TO DOLS 750 PER MONTH, AFTER PAYING RENT AND INCOME TAX, HE WILL HAVE ONLY DOLS 350 LEFT EACH MONTH FOR ALL REMAINING EXPENSES. CHICAGO FURTHER ADVISES THAT HE COULD PROBABLY MANAGE ON THIS AMOUNT BUT FAMILY MUST BE UNCLASSIFIED

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PREPARED TO LIVE VERY MODESTLY.

3. IN VIEW CONTINUED RISE IN LIVING COSTS, DEPT AND
CIES BELIEVE IT ADVISABLE FOR MATUSINOVIC COME TO US
ALONE AND SEND FOR FAMILY AT LATER DATE. ADVISE HIS
DECISION AND ETA. ROBINSON

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